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CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated February 19, 2004 from May 19, 2004 to June 19, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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